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Newport Jan. 31.

NOTICE.

HE Subscriber being authorised by the Hon General Assembly to the first Meeting of the *Steam or Horse-Boat Company,* the Bristol-Ferry, hereby requests those who have subscribed, or wish subscribe to said Stock, to meet at Coffee-House of *Thomas Townsend,* Newport, on TUESDAY, Feb. 17th, at o'clock in the evening.

S. T. NORTHAM.

Newport, Feb. 7.

Providence Blank Book Manufactory.

T. H. BURNTON, Agent.

espectfully informs his Friends and the Public,

THAT he has re-commenced the Manufacture of BLANK BOOKS, Book-Binding, in all its branches, at old stand, 16; Westminster-street, n of the Imperial Ledger.—Grateful former favors, and will be thankful the smallest in his line.

Providence, Feb. 4.

NOTICE.

urt of Probate, Newport Feb. 2 1824

WHEREAS *Merebah Burdick,* Administratrix of the Estate of *phen Burdick,* late of Newport, deased, has this day presented her Administration Account for allowance, and consideration thereof referred to the t Monday in March next.—Notice is eby given to all persons interested rein, to appear, if they see fit, at a urt of Probate to be holden at the te-House in said Newport, on said t Monday of March next, at 9 o'clock to shew cause if any they have, why Account should not be allowed.

By order of said Court,

ARLES GYLES, *Probate Clerk.*

PIANO FORTE

OR SALE, A good toned second-hand PIANO FORTE.—Apply WM. LOVIE.

Newport, Jan, 2, 1824.

CANAL FLOUR.

100 Bbls. Canal Superfine FLOUR, of the first quality.

50 Barrels Alexandria Superfine Mountain FLOUR of the most approved brands—Just received and for Sale at the Store next north of the Post-Office, by

GEORGE C. MASON.

Newport, Dec. 27.

FLOUR.

Just Landed from Sloop Globe from Alexandria, and for Sale on Gardner's Wharf, and at No. 106 Thames-Street, by

JOHN B. LYON,

100 Bbls. Superfine FLOUR; 70 do. F do.; 36 half bbls. S. do. Inspection, and selected particularly for retailing.

In Store, from Sloops Washington and Mary Ann, from Alexandria.

100 Bbls. of Superfine Alexandria Flour; 50 do. F. do.; 25 half bbls. do. of approved brands.—500 Bushels of white flat Corn in prime order; 2 hhds. first quality Virginia Tobacco.

Newport, Jan. 10.

Live Geese Feathers.

3 Bales Live Geese FEATHERS for Sale by

STEPHEN CAHOONE.

Newport, Dec. 20.

Pure Sperm Oil, at 45cts.

THE Subscribers offer for Sale, at the stores of their Agents, *Freeborn Coggeshall* and *Henry Gardner,* in Thames-Street, the first quality of summer strained sperm OIL, at 45 cents per gallon, in any quantity from a half pint to 1000 gallons.

R. POTTER,
N. RUGGLES.

Newport, Oct. 4.

NOTICE.

Court of Probate, Newport, Feb, 2, 1824

WHEREAS NATHANIEL SWEET, Administrator of the Estate of *Cato Easton,* late of Newport, a colored man, deceased, has this day presented his final Administration Account for allowance, and the consideration thereof referred to the first Monday in March next,—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein, to appear, if they shall see fit, at a Court of Probate to be holden at the State-House in Newport, on said first Monday of March next, at 9 o'clock A. M. to shew cause if any they have, why said Account should not be allowed.

By order of said Court,

CHARLES GYLES, *Probate Clerk.*

NOTICE.

Court of Probate, Tiverton, Feb. 2, 1824

THE Administrator on the Estate of *Hope Cory,* of said Tiverton, widow, deceased, presented an Inventory of the Estate of said deceased for acceptance—The consideration of which is referred to the first Monday of March next, and notice ordered to be given to all parties interested in said estate, to appear at that time at the dwelling of Capt. *George Lawton* in said Tiverton at 10 o'clock A. M. if they see cause,

By order,

THOMAS DURFEE, *Clerk.*

NOTICE.

THE Officers and Soldiers who belonged to Colonels Crary, Topham and Elliott's regiments, of the Revolutionary Army, who are entitled to Pensions under the late acts of Congress, are requested to call at the office of the Subscriber, or send their names to him, it being desirable to ascertain their number as far as practicable.

BENJAMIN COWELL.

Providence, Jan. 24.

New Goods.

ROBERT P. LEE

Has Just Received,

A FEW Pieces of BLUE CLOTH suitable for Overcoats, which he is selling off very Cheap, together with a great variety of other New and Seasonable GOODS.

A L S O,

Just received from one of the first Factories in the State, a full supply of superior White and Coloured KNITTING COTTON, 2 and 3-threaded from No. 6 to 40

Newport, Nov 1

LAND FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber offers for Sale, a Lot of LAND in Middletown, containing Five Acres and 13 Rods, which is situated on the Green-end Road, and is within a mile of the State-House in Newport.—*Also,* Two Lots of LAND in Newport, on the lane leading by Bull's Distillery;—And his FARM on the Island of Connanicut, which contains about 164 Acres.—The terms may be known by application to RICHARD K. RANDOLPH, Esq in Newport, or to Subscriber in North-Providence.

DANIEL LYMAN.

North-Providence, Nov. 27.

A FARM FOR SALE

THE Subscriber offers for Sale, the FARM on Rhode-Island, which was late the Summer residence of Mr. CHARLES BARING. It is beautifully situated on the west side of the Island, about four and an half miles from Newport, and is supplied by its shores with a very considerable quantity of sea manure.—Has on it a large and convenient Dwelling-House, built and finished in the modern style, with proper outhouses; is walled into small enclosures, and has on it within ten steps of the House, a spring of excellent water, which never fails to furnish an excellent supply.—Any one wishing to view the Farm, or know the terms, may apply to RICHARD K. RANDOLPH, Esq in Newport, or to the Subscriber in Providence

JACOB DUNNELL.

Providence, Dec. 18.

FARM TO LET.

TO BE RENTED,

And Possession given on the 25th of March, 1824.

THAT Valuable FARM on the Island of Prudence, (occupied by the late *Daniel Chace,*) containing upwards of 600 Acres of excellent Land, with Two Dwelling-Houses, Barns, &c. in good repair.—Terms made known by applying at the R. I UNION BANK.

Newport, Dec. 5.

TO LET,

And immediate Possession given,

THAT convenient and pleasantly situated Dwelling-House in Spring-street, near Trinity-Church, and lately occupied by Mrs. *Johnston.*—The House is in good repair, with a large Garden, and has every convenience for a family.—For terms, &c. apply to

JOHN P. MANN.

Newport, Nov. 1.

NOTICE.

Court of Probate, Tiverton, Feb. 2, 1824.

THE Commissioners upon the Estate of *William Cory,* late of Tiverton, deceased, this day made report of their doings.—It is thereupon ordered by said Court, that the consideration thereof be referred to the first Monday of March next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and that notice be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing this decree in one of the Newspapers printed in Newport three weeks successively, to attend said Court of Probate to be held at that time, at the house of Capt. *George Lawton,* in said Tiverton, then and there to be heard in the premises.

By Order,

THOMAS DURFEE, *Clerk.*

American Sheetings and Shirtings.

JOHN B. NEWTON,

Has Just received,

1200 Yards unbleached SHEETINGS, yard wide, for 1s per yard

600 Yards bleached Sheetings, yard wide for 25 cents

500 yards of unbleached Shirtings, over 3-4 wide, for 14 cents, very excellent.

400 yards unbleached do for 10 cents

250 yards whitened Shirting for 12 1-2 cents per yard.

Customers will find upon examination that they are superior to any that can be purchased in this Town at the above prices.

Newport, January 30.

DAVID BODMAN,

No. 136, Thames-Street,

Nearly opposite the sign of the Golden Eagle,

Respectfully informs the Public,

THAT besides his usual Assortment of BOOTS and SHOES, (which comprises most of the kinds generally in use, and a great part of them of his own manufacture) he has on hand a quantity of Men's Shoes at 1—Womens morocco and leather Bootees, at $1 75, and some for 1 dollar—Walking Shoes for 75 cents—Boys Shoes 75 cts, —Children's Bootees 37 cents—Shoes 33 and 25 cents.—Many of the above articles are of a good quality, and are sold at reduced prices, in consequence of having been some time on hand.

Boots and Shoes of all kinds made for Customers as usual, of the best materials and good workmanship.—Kid, morocco, leather and cloth Bootees of all kinds, made from measures at 2 25 a pair—Also, Calf-skins, wax and black grain neats leather; seal-skins; black and colored morocco, binding skins, shoe thread, webbing, silk and cotton cord, ribbon, ferret, copper and iron nails, shoe blacking, &c.

Newport, 10th of 1st mo. 1824.

ROBERT SHERMAN,

Has for Sale at his Store, corner of Mill and Thames-Street.

100 Bbls. mess and Prime PORK—50 do do. BEEF

50 Barrels of superfine FLOUR

5000 wt. Cheese—3000 wt good Butter

3000 bushels R I Greening Apples

2000 wt of Hams

Together with a general Assortment of GROCERIES at wholesale or retail cheap for Cash, or approved credit or will be exchanged for country Produce. Factory cloth or Cotton Yarn Goods and Country Produce will be received and sold on Commission.

Newport, Jan 24.

Burdick & Hutchins,

No. 124, Thames-Street, front of the Custom-House, in

Inform their Friends and the Public,

THAT in addition to their Manufactory in this Town, they have established one at Lynn, (Mass) from which they are constantly receiving Ladies BOOTS and SHOES, of the following description, and are retailing them at Wholesale prices, viz—Ladies Kid and Morocco Boots; kid, morocco and Denmark Sattin Walking Shoes; do do. Pumps of the newest fashion—together with a large Assortment of Childrens colored Morocco and Kid Boots and Shoes.

☞ Merchants in Town or Country; and all others who wish to purchase any of the above, will do well to call, as they are received regularly every week from Lynn, which gives them the superiority over any other sold in Town.

Newport, Jan. 2.

LADIES MAGAZINE.

THE 6th Number of the LADIES MAGAZINE is now ready for distribution, and may be had at the Book-Store of Messrs *Wm. & J H Barber,* at Mr *Samuel W Vinson's* and at the office of *B. B Mumford,* Esq—At each of these places subscription papers are opened.—Subscribers will please call or send for their Magazines, to Deacon Samuel Vinson's, Church-street

Newport, Jan. 31

New Goods,

JOHN S. MAXSON,

No. 63, Thames-Street,

HAS just received from Boston, the following NEW GOODS, which he will sell at very reduced prices for Cash, viz;—

Broadcloths and Cassimeres, of various prices

Superb Vestings; common ditto

Drab Kerseys of the first quality—Common ditto

Red, white and green Flannels, very cheap; mixt Sattinetts

Beaver and dogs-skin Gloves of the first quality; Tartan Plaids.

Cotton Shirtings; Suspenders

Black silk Hdkfs; common ditto

Flag, check silk, fancy and common Handkerchiefs; silk, twist, threads buttons of all kinds, &c

ALSO, A complete assortment of ready made CLOTHING, and a general assortment of Moss MATTRESSES.

Newport, Dec 6.

FOR SALE, OR TO LET,

THE Estate on Thames Street, formerly the residence of Gov. *Wanton*—Being divided by entries through the middle, and having two front entrances, and seperate kitchens and cellars, it would accommodate two separate families with 7 or 8 convenient rooms each, besides 4 plastered rooms in the garret—It has a good Garden and the lot extends to the Harbor. The House has lately been thoroughly repaired, and is perfectly sound—It may be purchased at a low price, and payment may be made in 5 or more (if required) yearly installments; security upon the Estate would be accepted for all except the first payment.—The same Estate is offered to be Let.

B. HAZARD

Newport, Oct 11.

TO LET,

A FARM in South-Kingstown, about 5 miles from the South Ferry, and 2 miles from the Pier, containing 255 Acres of Land, lying on Sankatucket River, with Buildings, &c. complete; a very valuable Fishery is attached to the farm, and is within 100 rods of a Factory, Grist and saw mill. The Farm is too well known to require any further description. Possession given the 25 h of March next. Any person wishing to hire may know the terms by applying to the subscriber.

ROBERT ROBINSON.

Newport, Jan 10

Newport Shoe Manufactory,

J. W. DAVIS, Jun. & Co,

No. 99, Thames-Street,

Respectfully inform their Friends and the Public,

THAT they still carry on the Manufacturing of Ladies BOOTS & SHOES of every description, and will sell them as low as can be bought at any other store in Town, of equal quality—They have on hand, Ladies Boots for 1 50 per pair—*Also,* Ladies first quality morocco Walking Shoes; do Leather do, Gentlemen's first quality Boots & Shoes, proportionably cheap.

Ladies and Gentlemen wishing to be fitted from their measures with Boots & Shoes, will please leave them as above, or at No. 100, directly opposite.

J W. D keeps constantly on hand a variety of Leather;—Wax and black grained calf-skins; do. neats leather; Calcutta calf and neats do; horse-skins of a superior quality; black and colored morocco and kid skins; binding and lining skins; boot webbing, cords, tacks, heel ball, and a variety of other articles generally called for in a Shoe store.

Also on hand, Varnish, Day & Martins and box Blacking, of a superior quality.

Newport, Jan. 3, 1824,

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber, admitted an Attorney and Counsellor at Law, offers his professional services to the Public, and further informs them that he has formed a connexion in business with WILLIAM HUNTER, Esq.

NICHOLAS G. BOSS.

Newport, Nov. 6.

Congress.

IN SENATE, Feb. 2, 1824.

AFTER disposing of the ordinary business—the Senate, in pursuance of the order of the day, the joint resolution reported by a select committee of the Senate, proposing an amendment of the Constitution, in regard to the election of President and Vice-President, was taken up for consideration, in committee of the whole Mr. Smith in the chair. The first question was upon adopting the amendment submitted by Mr. Benton, in the shape of a new resolution, proposing a division of the country into districts; each district to have one vote for President and Vice-President; that vote to be decided by the ballots of the people, in their primary assemblies; and when no election is made by the people, that the choice shall go to the House of Representatives, as now provided by the Constitution.

Mr. Benton being entitled to the floor resumed his remarks in support of his proposition; and before he had concluded, the Senate, on motion of Mr. Van Buren.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, Feb 3.

Mr. Barton offered the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the committee on public lands inquire into the expediency of making further provision by law, to prevent frauds in the surveying the public lands of the United States, and in making certificates of such surveys.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Lloyd, of Massachusetts, proposing an inquiry into the present state and circumstances of the Navy Hospital Fund, and whether any alteration is necessary to carry into effect the wise and humane purposes for which that fund was established, was again read and agreed to.

The order of the day, being the proposition submitted by Mr. Benton, to amend the Constitution of the United States, in regard to the election of President and Vice-President, was again taken up. Mr. Benton resumed, and concluded his remarks on the subject.

Wednesday, Feb 4.

Mr. Holmes, of Maine, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill in further addition to an act to establish an uniform system of naturalization; which was read and passed to a second reading.

The resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Barton, proposing an inquiry into the expediency of making further provision, by law, to prevent frauds in surveys of public lands, and in making certificates thereof, was again read, and agreed to.

The bill, from the House of Representatives, to extend the time for the settlement of private land claims in the territory of Florida, with the amendment thereto, proposed by the committee on public lands, in the Senate, was taken up as in committee of the whole, Mr. Macon in the chair. This bill proposes to extend, to the first of January next, the time to which the commissioners, appointed under the act of Congress for ascertaining claims and titles to lands in the territory of Florida, were limited in the reception of the evidence of such claims. The amendment proposed by the committee on Public Lands merely defines the kind of evidence of title to be received; the compensation to the Secretary of the Commissioners, and some other details.

On motion of Mr. Findlay, the section which requires the Secretaries of the Board of Commissioners, who have received salaries, to refund any fees which they might have received from claimants, for making record of their claims, was stricken out. The bill was then reported to the Senate, with the amendments. Mr Lloyd, of Maryland, moved to restore the section which was stricken out, on motion of Mr. Findlay, in committee of the whole, which was agreed to—and the bill as amended, passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dickerson, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business, and, immediately thereafter, adjourned till to morrow.

Thursday, Feb. 5

On motion of Mr Jackson, the Senate in committee of the whole, took up for consideration the bill to authorize the making of a military road from Fort St. Philip, on the Mississippi, to the English Turn, as an auxiliary to the defence of New Orleans

Mr. Jackson said, that, as it was objected to this bill, when it was before under discussion, that it involved the question of the constitutional power of Congress to make roads, he was, therefore, about to propose an amendment which would obviate that objection—He believed that the right of Congress to make roads upon its own lands, for military purposes, could hardly be doubted. It was as evident as the right of any individual to dispose of his property for his own purposes. Mr. J. then submitted an amendment, proposing to limit the road to Johnson's plantation instead of extending it to the English Turn; thus confining it to the lands owned by the United States.

The bill was then, on motion of Mr. Holmes, of Maine, made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate then adjourned.

Friday, Feb. 6.

The Senate were engaged the whole day in the debate on the bill for building ten additional sloops of war, without coming to any decision.

Adjourned to Monday.

House of Representatives.

Monday, Feb. 2.

On motion of Mr. Cocke, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, the orders of the day were postponed, to take up a bill for the appointment of two additional Indian agents. The House accordingly went into committee of the whole, Mr. Condict in the chair, on the consideration of the bill.

On this bill, (which the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs assured the House would not detain them ten minutes,) a desultory debate arose, which continued till past three o'clock

Mr. Cook finally moved that the bill lie on the table, which motion prevailed, and the bill was ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, with a report of the Secretary of State, communicating a Digest, shewing such changes of Commercial Regulations of the different foreign countries with which the United States have intercourse, as have been adopted and come to the knowledge of the Executive, since the formation of the Digest communicated to the Senate on the 7th Dec. 1812—prepared in pursuance of a resolution of the House, of 30th Jan. 1823

A message was received from the President of the United States, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 11th of December last, requesting him to communicate to the House all such parts of the correspondence with the government of Spain, relating to the Florida Treaty, to the period of its final ratification, not heretofore communicated, as, in his opinion, it might not be inconsistent with the public interest to communicate, transmitting a report from the Secretary of State, with copies of the documents requested.

Tuesday, Feb. 3.

On motion of Mr. M'Lane, of Delaware, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorising the publick stock of the United States to be purchased and sold by the Courts in the several states.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Department of War; transmitting a statement of appropriations for the service of the year 1823, shewing the amount appropriated under each specific head, the amount expended under each, and the balance remaining unexpended in the Treasury on the 1st of December, 1823; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Foot in the chair, on the bill *making provision for procuring the necessary surveys, estimates &c, for roads and canals.*

Mr. Trimble having ceded his right to the floor, Mr. J. S. Barbour rose, and, in a speech which occupied the House till near 2 o'clock expressed his sentiments in favor of the bill.

He was followed by Mr. Tucker, who spoke in opposition to the bill till 3 o'clock.

Mr. Reeves followed Mr. Tucker on the same side, and, having made some progress in his speech, gave way at 4 o'clock for a motion to rise, when the committee obtained leave to sit again, and the House adjourned.

Wednesday, Feb 4.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement exhibiting the duties accruing on merchandise imported and drawbacks payable on merchandise exported, during the years 1820, 1821, and 1822, which were laid on the table.

The resolution yesterday offered by Mr. Cocke (calling for certain information respecting the Pea Patch,) was called up and adopted

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT

The House then again went into committee of the whole, Mr. Foot, of Connecticut, in the chair, on the bill making provision for surveys, &c. on roads and canals

Mr. Rives completed his remarks in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Buckner followed, on the opposite side.

Mr. Mc. Duffie, of South Carolina, next took the floor in support of the bill who, at 4 o'clock, yielded to a motion for rising—and, the Committee having obtained leave to sit again—

The House adjourned.

Thursday, Feb 5.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr Foot in the chair, on the bill for obtaining the necessary surveys, estimates, &c. for roads and canals. Mr. M'Duffie concluded the speech which he commenced yesterday in support of the bill. Mr. Spaight, of Md then spoke in opposition to the bill Mr. Reynolds, of Tennessee, delivered his sentiments in favor of the passage of the bill.

Mr. P. P. Barbour then moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill.

Mr. Trimble suggested that, as the House was very thin, and some members absent, who probably desired to speak on the subject, it would be proper to have time allowed for a call of the House before the subject was finally acted upon

A motion being made that the committee rise—

The Chairman decided it to be out of order, the hour prescribed by a rule of the House having not arrived.

Mr P. P. Barbour, disclaiming all wish on this or any other occasion, to take advantage of a thin House to obtain a vote—more especially as such vote, if now obtained, would not be final on the bill expressed a wish that, by general consent, the committee would rise.

Before the question was taken—

Mr. A. Smyth rose, and commenced a course of remarks in opposition to the bill, which he continued till 4 o'clock, when he gave way for a motion for rising.

The committee rose accordingly, and having reported progress, obtained leave to sit again.

The House then adjourned,

Friday, Feb. 6.

Mr. Forward, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported a bill laying a duty on sales of merchandise at auction, and for other purposes.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

The House then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Foot, in the chair, on the bill for obtaining the necessary plans estimates, &c on roads and canals.

Mr. A. Smyth concluded his remarks against the bill; and Messrs. Gazlay and Neale spoke in favor of it.

The committee rose, on motion of Mr Livingston, and had leave to sit again.

Adjourned to Monday.

BY THE MAILS.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, JAN. 27.

FROM HAVANA.

BY the Brig Panther, we have received Havana papers to the 18th January

By a proclamation of Governor Vives, dated at Havana the 7th inst. all the criminals, to be arraigned before any of the Judges in that island are to be tried and punished according to the Spanish Penal Code, as re-established in full force by Ferdinand in his decree of October last dated at Jerez de la Frontera All the laws passed since the month of March, 1820, when the late Constitutional Government went into operation, are negatively declared by the same proclamation, to be null and void.

An order has been given by the Governor to his boarding officers, to send any passenger, who may arrive at that port without a passport, to the guard ship, where he will remain detained until the sailing of the vessel again, or until some responsible person shall become his security.

Notwithstanding the apparent tranquillity which attended the re-establishment of the absolute government in Havana, a considerable portion of the inhabitants of that city and of the Island of Cuba are far from being satisfied with the new order of things. We have seen three several proclamations in manuscript which contain the most fervid sentiments of liberty, and calling upon the native inhabitants of the Island to throw off their subjection to an imperious government, which at the distance of 1000 leagues, pretends to rule them according to the principles of absolute sovereignty. These sentiments are said by a correspondent to pervade a considerable portion of the native inhabitants of Havana, notwithstanding the acquiescence in the policy of Governor Vives.

The proclamation annulling the laws passed subsequent to April 1820, and the order prohibiting the landing of passengers, but under certain conditions shew at once the solicitude of the Governor for the preservation of the present government in that Island

The Spanish vessels of war, arrived at Havana on the 8th inst in 21 days from San Juan de Ulua.

COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON CITY, FEB. 7.

Tax on Sales at Auction.

The bill yesterday reported in the House of Representatives, for laying duties on sales at auction, is of some length As, however, many of our readers may feel an interest in it, we shall endeavour to state the substance of it.

It proposes, then, that from and after the 15th of April—too early a day, considering the time which intermediate discussion of the general subject connected with it, will probably occupy—there shall be levied on all sales at auction of goods, wares &c. whether of foreign or domestick growth, seven dollars and a half on each hundred dollars purchase money, at such sales, and in the same proportion for less or greater amounts; and two and a half per cent. in addition, where the bales or packages in which goods are imported, shall be broken, or subdivided.

Licenses are to be granted free of cost to auctioneers, on their entering into certain penal bonds for the compliance with the provisions of this law—They are to retain the amount of duty from the amount of sales, and for this labour are to receive an allowance of one per cent commission.

No sales are to be made without notice publickly given, nor in any other manner than by public outcry

If any goods are imported from abroad bearing American marks, or purporting to be of American manufacture though really of foreign make, they shall be absolutely forfeited.

These are the principal provisions of the bill.

NEW-YORK,

NEW-YORK, FEB. 9.

Steam-Boat Question.

The cause of *Thomas Gibbons* vs. *Aaron Ogden*, which is commonly known as the Steam Boat cause, and involves the important question of the constitutionality of the State Laws of New-York, which give exclusive privileges of Steam Boat navigation to Livingston and Fulton, was argued on Wednesday and Thursday before the Supreme Court of the United States, at Washington, the six Judges present Those two days were occupied in hearing the arguments of Mr Webster, for the Plaintiff, and Mr. Oakley and Mr. Emmet for the Defendant. They were to be followed by the Attorney General.

The correspondent of the Statesman, says.—"The two great points, which Mr. Webster made in his argument were; First, that the laws of New-York, granting this monopoly, are originally void, even without coming in collision with the constitution and laws of the United States. Secondly, that if they are not originally void, they are inoperative when they come in collision with the laws of the United States as in the present instance.

"These two positions were fortified with all his ingenuity, research, and eloquence. Mr. Oakley did not however appear to be at all intimidated by the able argument of his antagonist; but set about attacking the ramparts of law, which had been erected, with his usual coolness and deliberation. He broke ground at a great distance from the immediate question, and commenced a system of mining. His argument thus far has been chiefly confined to a description of the powers of the general and the state governments, contending that in many cases they are concurrent, which Mr. Webster denied *in toto*."

Extract of a letter from an officer of the Franklin, 74, dated at Valparaiso October 1st, published in the National Gazette—"The Franklin sailed from Callao on the 8th of August for Mohando, and arrived here on the 26th ultimo A few days previously to our leaving Callao one of the young gentlemen (Mr. Kelty,) was seized with the small Pox The contagion is spreading throughout the ship. We have now twenty two cases and thus far previous vaccination appears to be no protection The gentleman who brought the disease on board had been vaccinated, and his arm exhibited (so says our intelligent Surgeon,) a well formed schar. Midshipman Woodsworth, and the Commodore's children, are now convalescent from this loathsome disease. Our Surgeon, (Dr Salter,) is unremitting in his attention, and has thus far lost but two patients. We are fortunate in having a fine large, airy ship, by which the men can be well accommodated."

FROM BRAZIL.

By the Resolution arrived last evening which left St. Salvador Dec. 10th (not so late as the Frederick, at Alexandria) information is received, that the Emperor had issued a decree prohibiting the importation of the produce and manufactures of Portugal, (after a period not stated) until the acknowledgement of the Independence of Brazil by that nation

Capt Luckett states, that a frigate belonging to Lord Cochrane's squadron, commanded by Capt. Taylor, had arrived from Maranham, and was shortly to be joined by the squadron, which was to sail shortly against Montevideo, which place remained in possession of the Europeans.

FROM CURRACOA.

We have received by the brig Fanny the Curacoa Courant of the 10th of January. The pirates are again at their work of blood. Capt Wagner and crew of the schr Julia, who sailed from this port some time since, for Curacoa was fallen in with by the pirates, and the whole of them murdered, with the exception of a boy, who made his escape.

FROM MEXICO.

Capt Hathaway, of the schr. Eclipse, sailed from Alvarado on the 22d ult.—No news from the City of Mexico had been received since the sailing of the John, on the 5th.—It was understood the new Constitution had been adopted. The bombardment of Vera Cruz had ceased for the last 6 or 8 days, for what cause, Capt. H. did not learn. A Spanish frigate and brig of war, had arrived and remained off the Castle of Ulloa—The Mexican squadron, of 2 schooners and 5 gun boats, remained at Alvarado.

THE MERCURY.

Newport,

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1824.

CONGRESS.

Our dates from Washington are to Saturday last.—The House for several days have been engaged in the debate on the question of Internal Improvements.—On Friday, there was a general call for the question to be taken, but at the request of Mr. Livingston, the committee rose, and the House adjourned to Monday.

The New Tariff Bill was expected to be called up in the House on Monday last.

STEAM-BOAT QUESTION.

The Supreme Court of the U. S. which commenced its session at Washington on the 2d inst. have since been engaged with the case of Gibbons vs. Ogden, which involves the constitutionality of the Steam-boat laws of New-York. On Friday, the Court Room was full to overflowing.

Should the decision of the Court be against the constitutionality of the New-York steam-boat law, we learn that several Steam-boats are expected to run from this State, to New-York, the ensuing season.

The *New-York Patriot*, (a paper devoted to Mr. Calhoun) of the 3d inst. contains an article of three columns, entitled "*Operations of the republican candidate in Rhode-Island.*" This article is intended to injure Mr. CRAWFORD, and charges him with intriguing with Mr. HUNTER, of this State, to promote his Presidential claims, for which the latter was to be rewarded with a Foreign Mission.—The letters containing the charges are said to be from Savannah, though all the pretended facts alluded to took place either at Newport, or in Washington; and the whole charge is grounded upon the affidavit of a "leading and influential republican" of this State.—The affidavit is not published, nor is the name of the affidavit-maker disclosed. The affidavit is said to state, that Mr. Hunter some years ago made certain confidential communications to this "leading and influential republican," at Washington, and that then and there the facts were stated in the affidavit.—We understand, and are authorised to state, that Mr. HUNTER's denial of all the statements of the pretended affidavit, is explicit and unequivocal, and that means will speedily be taken to give publicity and authenticity to that denial.—Mr. CRAWFORD never made any offer or promise of any foreign mission, or other office, to Mr. HUNTER, nor did Mr. H. ever solicit any from him. The whole story is a fraud or a fiction. Mr. CRAWFORD ought not, and eventually will not suffer by it; the more the subject is investigated, the more it will redound to his honor, and to the shame and defeat of his enemies.

PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS.

The National Intelligencer of Saturday last, contains a notice, inviting the Democratic Members of Congress to meet in the Representative Chamber on the evening of the 14th Feb. to recommend candidates to the people of United States for the offices of President and Vice-President. It is signed by *John Chandler*, of Maine, and nine others.

Another article, against the expediency of a caucus nomination, appears in the same paper, signed by *R. M. Johnston*, and twenty-three others, which is as follows:—

"In consequence of the statements which have gone abroad, in relation to a Congressional nomination of Candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, the undersigned have been requested, by many of their Republican colleagues and associates, to ascertain the number of the Members of Congress who deem it inexpedient, at this time, to make such a nomination, and to publish the same, for the information of the People of the United States.

In compliance with this request, they have obtained from gentlemen, representing the several States, satisfactory information, that of two hundred and sixty-one, the whole numbers composing the present Congress, there are one hundred and eighty-one who deem it inexpedient, under existing circumstances, to meet in Caucus, for the purpose of nominating Candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and they have good reasons to believe; that a portion of the remainder will be found unwilling to attend such a meeting."

Apples.—Upwards of 50,000 bushels of Apples were gathered from the orchards on this Island, the last season

GEN. LA FAYETTE.

We understand, says the New-York Gazette, that the Hon. James Brown, Minister to France, who is on the eve of sailing from this port in the U. S. ship Cyane, is the bearer of a letter from the President, addressed to Gen. La Fayette, inviting him to visit the United States.—Should the General have made up his mind to sail in the course of the Spring, we learn he has the offer of the Frigate Constitution, Capt. Jones, which vessel will have received orders to proceed to any port in France which the General may select for embarkation.

President Monroe, in his late Message to Congress communicating a plan for a Naval Peace Establishment, announces his intention to retire from office, at the end of the next session of Congress.

Revolutionary Pensioners.

The amount of the pay to Revolutionary Pensioners from Sept. 4, 1820, to Sept. 4, 1821, was $1,673,266
To Sept. 4, 1822, 1,453,299
To Sept. 4, 1823, 1,339,178

The diminution of the Pensions in two years has been $334,088.—The number of Pensioners is 12,961, of which 245 belong to Rhode-Island.

Massachusetts Election.—The Federalists of Massachusetts have nominated the Hon. Samuel Lathrop as a candidate for Governor, and the Hon. Richard Sullivan for Lieut. Governor, of that State.—Mr. Otis, in his letter to the committee declining to be again in nomination for Governor, says :—

"The issue of the last election renders it probable that at least a small portion of my former political associates are of the sentiment that it is time a man should be abandoned by his friends, when his fidelity has made him obnoxious to their adversaries."

The weather, the present week, has been mild and warm. Monday was clear and pleasant, similar to an April day.

In the House of Assembly of New-York, the bill providing the choice of Electors of President and Vice-President by the people, has been passed by a vote of 100 to 5 !

The Small-pox has made its appearance in Weathersfield, (Vermont.)

GREEK BALL.

The splendid Greek Ball given at Baltimore on the 5th instant, was honoured by the presence of the venerable Charles Carroll, one of the three surviving Signers of the Declaration of Independence, now in his 86th year. He attended at the request of the Managers, for the purpose of crowning with laurel the bust of the Grecian Hero, Bozzaris, who recently fell, in the moment of victory, fighting for the independence of Greece. The ceremony was extremely interesting and impressive.

Naval Peace Establishment.

The National Intelligencer of the 6th inst. contains the official report of the Secretary of the Navy, submitted to Congress by the President, in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting the President "to communicate a plan for the Peace Establishment of the Navy of the U. States." The Message of the President with the accompanying report and documents, occupies six columns of the Intelligencer.

In his message, the President adverts to past events and appears to be strongly impressed with the importance of maintaining a respectable naval force, and of otherwise strengthening our means of defence on the sea board. In his report, the Secretary of the Navy states the following as being the least force it would be safe to keep in commission, viz. in the Mediterranean, one ship of the line, one frigate, one sloop of war and one schooner: in the Atlantic including our own coast, the West Indies and coast of Africa, one ship of the line, one frigate, four sloops of war and four schooners; in the Pacific one frigate, two sloops of war and one schooner: for occasional services, one frigate and one sloop of war. To relieve these vessels, an additional force equal to one fifth of the whole will be required.

It appears by the report, that when all the vessels authorized by law to be built are completed, there will be 12 ships of the line, 12 frigates of the first class, 3 frigates of the second class, 5 steam-batteries, one other post ship, 2 schooners and 15 sloops of war, should Congress order ten more to be built.

The project of a bill appended to the report provides for the following number of Officers, viz 1 Vice Admiral, 2 Rear Admirals, 8 Commodores, 25 Captains, 23 Master Com. 149 Lieuts. 51 Sub Lieuts. 19 Masters, 6 Second Masters, 10 Chaplains, 40 Pursers 40 Surgeons, 56 Surg. Mates, 400 Master's Mates and Midshipmen 26 Boatswains, 26 gunners, 16 Carpenters and 16 Sailmakers. The bill further provides (in case the country at any time require a greater number of officers) for the increase of all those of grades below that of Captain.

On the score of compensation, the bill provide for paying the Vice Admiral $200 and 20 rations, Rear Admirals, 150 dols. and 18 rations, Commodores, 125 dols. and 16 do. Captains, 125 dols. and 16 do. per month. Officers at the Yards to receive salaries in lieu of allowances now made.—*Boston Pat.*

By the returns made to the Health-Office in Philadelphia, it appears that for the year ending the first of January, 1824, there were 4600 deaths in that city—the births during the same period were 5813.

At Providence on Saturday last, an infant son of Mr Joseph S Eldridge, was burnt to death—The circumstances were truly distressing. The mother had tied it to a small chair near the fire and left the room for a few moments, and when she returned the child was found burnt to death.

On Wednesday week; Benjamin Stewart; the black convicted of the murder of Mrs. Overholzer; was hung at Harrisburg pursuant to his sentence.

Large Ox—Mr. Thomas Borden of Fall-River, killed an Ox last week which weighed *fifteen hundred and fifty six pounds*.

MARRIED,

At Providence on Tuesday last, Capt. William Almy to Miss Jemima G. Ames.

DIED,

At Portsmouth on the 2d inst. very suddenly, (while crossing a field near his house) Mr. Daniel Willcox, aged 65 years.

At Providence on Monday, Mrs. Susannah Woodward, wife of Mr. Luther Woodward, aged 25 years—Miss Polly Soule, aged 57 years—On Wednesday, Mr. John Warren, a Revolutionary Pensioner.

At Cumberland, Mr. Nathan Staples, aged 91 years.

WEEKLY ALMANACK

1824. *February.*	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	High water.	Moon rises.
14 *Saturday,*	6 48	5 12	7 47	5 12
15 *Sunday,*	6 46	5 14	8 39	6 45
16 *Monday,*	6 45	5 15	9 30	8 1
17 *Tuesday,*	6 44	5 16	10 21	9 17
18 *Wednesday,*	6 43	5 17	11 12	10 30
19 *Thursday,*	6 42	5 18	morn.	11 40
20 *Friday,*	6 41	5 19	0 3	morn.

Full Moon 14th day, 2h. 39 min. in the Afternoon.

MARINE LIST.

Port of Newport,

Feb. 14, 1824.

Entered,

Schooner Atlantic, Causines, Honduras

Cleared,

Sch'r Diadamia, Russell, Matanzas
Atlantic, Causines, New-York

Saturday, Feb. 7.

Arrived Brig Leander, M'Foy, 20 days from Curracoa bound to Providence.—Sailed in co. with Brig Nicholas & Felix, Williams, of this port, for New-Orleans; and ship Douglass for New-York.—Left there Jan. 17th, sch'r Clifford just arrived from New-York; Fawn, Jonnson, for Baltimore.

Same day, Schooner General Hawes, Chace, 4 days from Charleston, with cotton, bound to Providence.

Same day, Schooner Atlantic, Causines, 40 days from the Bay of Honduras bound to New-York.

Sunday, Feb, 8.

Arrived, Schooner Leo, Brazier, 12 days from Boston for New York; and sloop Rapid, Patterson, 4 days from do. for New-York.

Same day, Sch'r Sally Davis, Chace, 7 days from North-Carolina for New-York.

Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Arrived Schooner Manilla, Cooper, 11 days from Boston bound to North-Carolina.

MARINE MEMORANDA.

At Campeachy Jan. 6th, Ship Newport, Burroughs, of this port, for New-York in 15 days.

Ship Asia, Searl, of New-York, has arrived at Fayal from this port.

New ship Leonidas, Lawton, has arrived at Matanzas in 26 days from Bristol.

Cleared at Savannah Jan. 28th, Sloops Rapid, Swasey, for St. Augustine; Express, Hammett, for Charleston.

Arrived at Charleston Jan. 27th, sloop Ann, Green, from Elizabeth-City; Herald from Savannah.

Arrived at New-Bedford on Tuesday, ship Iris, Hathaway, from South Seas, with 2000 bbls. oil—Left at Woahoo, April 21st, ship Alliance, Swain, of this port with 900 bbls—At Sandwich Islands June 12th, Frederick Augustus of this port, with 1500 bbls. oil.

At Goree Nov. 14, Brig Paragon Wood, of Boston.

Schooner Jane, Wilcox, of this port sailed from St. Thomas Jan. 10, for New-Orleans.

Sailed from Havana Jan. 17th, Brig Union, Gale, for New-Orleans.

Loss of the Sloop Harriet.

The Sloop Harriet, Capt. Dayton, of and from this port for Savannah, was cast away on the outer shoal of Cape Hatteras on the 19th of Jan.—The crew immediately left her in the boat, and landed on the beach; the next day she was not to be seen, and it was supposed had gone to pieces.—On the 29th Jan the brig Franklin, arrived at Philadelphia, fell in with the Harriet, in lat. 35, long. 69, under her jib, and apparently no one on board; her sails and rigging were in good order, and no water in her—The Harriet we learn, is insured at Boston.

REAL ESTATES For Sale at AUCTION.

THE following Real Estates will be successively Sold at Auction, (if not previously disposed of at private sale) on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of April next, viz:—

The Dwelling-House at the corner of Washington and Poplar-streets on the Point, late belonging to *John Dennis*, together with the Lot to the eastward thereof.

Twenty Point LOTS, in two squares, near Fort Greene.

That eligible Building Lot on Washington-Square, next eastward of the estate late Gilbert Chace's.

The Lot in the rear of the last mentioned.

That Valuable Estate occupied by *Charles Gyles*, in Thames-Street, consisting of a Dwelling-House, Wharf, Stores and Workshops.

The Estate opposite, called the Anthony Estate, corner of Thames and Franklin-streets.

The Conditions of Sale will be made known at the time and places of Sale.

Newport, Feb. 14.

TO LET,

And immediate Possession given,

THAT Valuable ESTATE on the Point, late belonging to Capt. *Thomas Dennis*, consisting of a House, Wharf, Garden, stable and stores, with a well of water and cistern; all in good repair—Apply at the Bank of Rhode-Island.

W. MARCHANT, *Cashier.*

Newport; Feb. 14.

Post-Office Notice.

NO Person can be admitted within the Office at the time of opening and distributing the Mail.—This Notice is imperative and cannot be dispensed with, being a positive order from the General Post-Office

B. B. MUMFORD, *Post-Master.*

Newport, Feb. 14.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having received an Assignment of all the Real and Personal Estate of THOMAS R. & JOHN D WILLIAMS, for the benefit of their Creditors, requests all persons having claims against them, to exhibit the same, and all indebted to make immediate payment to

JOHN D. BROWN, *Assignee.*

South-Kingstown, 9th of 2d mo. 1824

☞ A Meeting of the Creditors will be held at Little-Rest, at the House of *John Reynolds*, on the 24th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. when a punctual and general attendance is requested.

David Williams' Estate.

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of David Williams, deceased, are hereby notified that the term of the Commission on said estate, expires with the present month, and are hereby requested to present them previous to that time:

Stephen Gould
David Rodman } *Commiss'rs.*
David Buffum, jun

Newport; 13th of 2d mo. 1824.

NOTICE

WE the Subscribers having been appointed by the Court of Probate for the town of Newport, Commissioners to receive and examine the claims of the creditors against the Estate of

NOAH STODDARD,

late of said Newport; deceased; represented insolvent; hereby give notice: that six months from the date hereof have been allowed the creditors to exhibit their claims, and that we will attend for the purpose of receiving the same at our respective dwellings, during said period

Job Townsend,
Edward Watson } *Commrs.*
William Caswell

All persons indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

Hannah Stoddard, *Adm'x.*

Newport, Feb. 2, 1824.

NOTICE.

AT a Court of Probate, holden within and for the Town of Bristol, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1824 application was made to said Court, in writing, by CHARLES D'WOLF of Portsmouth, in Rhode Island, to be appointed Guardian of the person and estate of *Eliza D'Wolf Vernon*, of said Bristol, a minor under the age of fourteen years; which said application is received.—Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that the consideration of said application be deferred to the first Monday of March next, and that all persons interested be notified by publishing this order three weeks successively in the *Newport Mercury.*

By order of said Court,

WM. REYNOLDS, *Probate Clerk.*

NOTICE,

Court of Probate, Portsmouth, Feb. 9th, 1824.

THE Commissioners on the Estate of John Peterson, Esq. late of Portsmouth, deceased, presented their report of the Claims of the Creditors to the said Estate by them allowed, which was received, and the consideration thereof referred to the 2d Monday in March next.—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate to appear if they see fit, at a Court of Probate to be holden at the Inn of *Oliver D Green*, in said Portsmouth, on said 2d Monday of March next, at 2 o'clock P M. to shew cause if any they have, why said report should not be allowed.

By order of said Court,

RICHARD SHERMAN, jun. *P. Clerk*

NOTICE.

Court of Probate, Portsmouth, Feb. 9th

WHEREAS Lucy Peterson, Administrator on the Estate of John Peterson, Esq. late of Portsmouth, deceased, has this day presented her Administration Account for allowance, and prayed the Court to make distribution of the money in her hands, and the consideration thereof referred to the 2d Monday in March next.—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein, to appear if they see fit, at a Court of Probate to be holden at the Inn of *Oliver D. Green*, in said Portsmouth on said 2d Monday of March next, at 2 o'clock P M to shew cause if any they have, why said Account should not be allowed.

By order of said Court,

RICHARD SHERMAN, jun *P Clerk*

NOTICE.

Court of Probate, Portsmouth, Feb. 9th

WHEREAS Patience Brown, Administratrix on the Estate of *Benjamin Brown*, late of Portsmouth, deceased has this day presented her Administration Account for allowance, and the consideration thereof referred to the 2d Monday in March next—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein to appear if they see fit, at a Court of Probate to be holden at the Inn of *Oliver D Green*, in said Portsmouth, on said 2d Monday of March next, at 2 o'clock P. M. to shew cause if any they have why said Account should not be allowed.

By order of said Court,

RICHARD SHERMAN, jun. *P Clerk*

NOTICE.

Court of Probate, Portsmouth, Feb. 9th

WHEREAS Oliver Slocum, Administrator on the Estate of *John Slocum*, late of Lebanon, in the state of Connecticut, deceased, has this day presented his Administration Account for allowance, and the consideration thereof referred to the 2d Monday of April next—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein, to appear if they see fit, at a Court of Probate to be holden at the Inn of *Oliver D. Green*, in said Portsmouth, on the said 2d Monday of April next, at 2 o'clock P M. to shew cause if any they have, why said Account should not be allowed

By order of said Court,

RICHARD SHERMAN, jun *P Clerk*

Stock at Auction.

On WEDNESDAY, March 10,

At X o'clock A. M, will be Sold at Public Auction at the late residence of Daniel Chace, *dec on the Island of Prudence, (if fair and moderate so that Boats can pass to the Island, if not, the next suitable day after.)*

18 Cows, 10 Oxen, 25 Young Cattle, 220 Sheep, 5 Horses, 5 Hogs. 1500 bushels Corn, 150 do. clean Oats, 15 or 20 Tons Hay, Corn Fodder, Farming Utensils, Household Furniture among which is an elegant Side-Board, Secretary and Clock; 2 Cedar Boats, and many other articles comprising the personal Estate of Daniel Chase, dec.—Conditions, Cash.

HENRY LAWTON, *Adm'r.*

Portsmouth, Feb. 12, 1824.

Auctions.

TO LET at Public AUCTION
On MONDAY, Feb. 23d,

At 2 o'clock P. M on the premises, (if fair, if not the first fair day after.) for the term of One Year,

THE real Estate of Joseph Cundall, Esq late of Portsmouth, deceased, viz—The Homestead FARM, containing about 70 Acres of excellent Land, with a Dwelling House, barn, crib, &c. thereon.—*Immediately after.* The Grist Mill, Clothiers Works, Looms and Spinning Machinery, now occupied by *Clarke & Grinnell* as a Wool Manufactory, and in complete order.

Also, The FARM called the Cox Farm containing 100 Acres—and the Ferry Farm, so called, containing about 30 Acres—The excellency of the above Farms for meadow, pasture and tillage land, are too well known to need any recommendation.

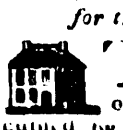
Likewise, A Dwelling-House convenient for one or two small families, and contiguous to either of the above Farms—The Conditions will be made known at the time and place.

SAMUEL CLARKE,
GILES MANCHESTER. } *Adm'rs*

Portsmouth, Feb. 2 1824.

To Let at Public Auction
On MONDAY, March 1, 1824,

At XI o'clock A. M on the premises, for the term of One Year.



THE Dwelling-House and Lot of Land at the head of Broad-street, formerly occupied by the late *Nathan Barker*—Possession given on the 25th of March next—Conditions made known at the time and place.

ALSO, immediately after,

The Building in the rear, occupied as a Slaughter-House.

WM LOVIE, *Auc'r.*

Newport, Feb 14.

On MONDAY, March 1st,

At half past XI o'clock A. M will be Let at Auction, for the term of One Year.

THE West Part of the Dwelling-House, formerly belonging to *Robert Lawton*, situated at the corner of Washington-square and Spring-street, with the yard, &c and two-thirds of a joiners shop.—Possession given on the 1st of April next.—Conditions made known at the time and place.

WM LOVIE, *Auc'r.*

Newport, Feb 14.

On MONDAY, March 1st,

At XII o'clock will be Let at Auction, on the premises, for the term of One Year.

THE Vaughn Estate, situated in Thames-Street, and corner of Washington-square—Conditions made known at the time and place

WM LOVIE, *Auc'r.*

Newport, Feb. 14.

Administratrix's Sale.

BY Virtue of a Decree of the Supreme Judicial Court, will be sold at Public Auction, on TUESDAY the 2d day of March next, at XI o'clock A. M. on the premises,—All the right, title and interest which Capt Oliver H. Perry, late of Newport, had at the time of his decease, in and to a certain FARM lying in South Kingstown, on the Post road leading from the South-Ferry to New-London, and distant from said Ferry 9 miles and containing about One Hundred Sixty two Acres. There are Two Dwelling-Houses on said farm, one of which is new and very convenient; and also a new Barn.—The Conditions of the Sale will be, that one-third of the purchase money shall be paid on the execution and delivery of a Deed of the premises; one-third in 12 months, and the remaining third in 18 months, from the 25th day of March 1824 with interest from that day, on which possession of said Farm will be given to the purchaser, of whom approved endorsed Notes, made payable at the Rhode-Island Union Bank will be taken, and also a Mortgage on said Farm, to secure the two last mentioned payments.

ELIZABETH C PERRY, *Adm'x.*

ALSO, at the above-mentioned time and place, will be sold on a liberal credit the right of Dower which the Widow of the said Oliver has in said Estate and for which approved endorsed Notes, made payable at said Bank, will be taken.

Newport, Jan. 10, 1824.

WANTED.

A PERSON who understands Farming, is Wanted as a Foreman to manage a Farm in Middletown—None need apply but those who can be well recommended.—Apply to

S. T. NORTHAM.

Newport, Feb. 14,

POETRY.

FROM THE NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

THE HARP OF ZION.

OH! how art thou fallen, thou City of God!
He hath stricken the crown from thy brow with his rod—
On thy neck is the yoke—on thy garment a stain—
And the Lion of Judah hath bow'd to the chain!

The phial of wrath on thy forehead was pour'd,
Thou hast shrunk from the withering glance of the Lord;
Like the gourd of the Prophet, thy beauty is gone,
And thy cedars are blasted on proud Lebanon!

Thy temples are ruins—thine altars o'erthrown—
On the Hill of thy strength is the Infidel's throne;
And the wreck of thy glory, where'er it is hurl'd,
Is the scoff of the Gentiles—the scorn of the world!

O turn thee, our God! let thy mercy awaken,
And smile on thy Zion—deserted, forsaken!
Let the light of thy glory on Solyma burst
And its lightning-glance wither her foes to the dust!

Oh, Zion! his smile shall dawn on thy night
Of sorrow and shame with a heavenly light,—
As the burst of the sun-beam comes over the sea,
When the dark cloud has past, and the thunder-storm flee.

FROM THE EDINBURGH MAGAZINE.

Song,—"My Woodland Love is on her way."

BY JOANNA BAILEY.

O Welcome bat and owlet gray,
Thus winging low your airy way;
And welcome moth and dreary fly,
That to mine ear come humming by;
And welcome, shadows long and deep,
And stars that from the pale sky peep;
O welcome all! to me you say,
My woodland love is on her way.

Upon the soft wind floats her hair,
Her breath is on the dewy air;
Her steps are in the whisper'd sound
That steals along the stilly ground.
O dawn of day, in rosy bower,
What art thou to the witching hour!
O noon of day, in sunshine bright,
What art thou to the fall of night!

MISCELLANY.

BONAPARTE.

In LAS CASES' Memorial de Sainte Helene, vol 4th, page 54, is found the found the following sentiments of his late Imperial Majesty Napoleon Bonaparte—which are recommended to the serious consideration of the people of the United States:—

"I have been informed that the *mania of place hunting* has crossed the sea, and that the contagion has communicated to our neighbours. The English of former days, were as much superior to this kind of meanness, as the people of the United States *now are*. The love of place is the greatest check of public morals. A man who solicits a public post, feels his independence sold beforehand. In England, the greatest families, the whole peerage, disdain not to hunt after places. Their excuse is, that the enormous burthens of taxation deprive them of the means of living without addition to their income. Pitiful pretence! It is because their principles are more decayed than their fortunes.—When people of a certain rank stoop to solicit public posts for the sake of emolument, there is an end to all independence and dignity of national character."

ECONOMY.

A useful hint to young men.

For your own comfort, for your friends' ease, for the sake of your eventual prosperity, cultivate a strict and manly habit of economy. It is impossible to raise a good character without it. And this one single article, connected with moderate talent, will recommend you to all with whom you are to have any transactions, from whom you may wish confidence, or expect remuneration.—Assistance, should you need it, will not be withheld if it is known that your care of pecuniary expence is correct.—Do not esteem the name of Economy a trifle. Do not account the practice of it mean. Generous, free, call it what you will, are terms which do not apply, unless it is literally and truly your own money with which you are sporting; for then, if you sport more than your rank and circumstances prudently warrant.

MEDITATION.

Reflection and Meditation allay the workings of many unquiet passions, and place us at a distance from the tumults of the world. When the mind has either been ruffled or cast down, in an intercourse with God and Heaven, we find a sanctuary to which we can retreat. In the hours of contemplation and devotion, a good man enjoys himself in peace. He beholds nobler objects than what worldly men can behold. He assumes a higher character.

Reflection.—If people would say *less*, and read *more*, (not books of controversy, but the *plain, simple* truths of the Bible) should not we soon find that "middle wall of partition," which has been raised so high, beginning to *decay*, and christians "walking *together*, in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless?"

Nothing is more silly than the pleasure some people take in what they call, speaking their minds.' A man of this make will say a rude thing for the mere pleasure of saying it, when an opposite behaviour, full as innocent, might have preserved his friend, or made his fortune.

President Humphrey's Address.

An Address delivered at the Collegiate Institution in Amherst, by President Humphrey, contains many valuable hints for the education of children, scholars, and Christians. Addressing himself to parents, on the treatment of their boys, he observes—

"Be not discomposed at the sight of his sand hills in the road, his snow forts in February, and his mud dams in April; nor when you chance to look out in the midst of an August shower, and see him wading and sailing and sporting along with the water-fowl. If you would make him hardy and fearless, let him go abroad as often as he pleases, in his early boyhood, and amuse himself by the hour together, in smoothing and twirling the hoary locks of winter. Instead of keeping him shut up all day with a stove, and graduating his sleeping room by Farenheit, let him face the keen edge of the north wind, when the mercury is below cypher, and instead of minding a little shivering and complaining when he returns, cheer up his spirits and send him out again. In this way you will teach him that he was not born to live in the nursery, nor to brood over the kitchen fire; but range abroad as free as the snow and the air, and to gain warmth from exercise. I love and admire the youth, who turns not back from the howling wintry blast, nor withers under the blaze of summer; who never magnifies "mole-hills into mountains," but whose daring eye, exulting, scales the eagle's airy crag; and who is ready to undertake any thing that is prudent and lawful, within the range of possibility.

"Who would think of planting the mountain oak in green-house, or of rearing the cedar of Lebanon in a lady's flower pot? Who does not know that in order to attain their mighty strength and majestic forms, they must freely enjoy the rain and sunshine, and must feel the rocking of the tempest? Who would think of raising up a band of Indian warriors, upon cakes and jellies and beds of down, and amid all the luxuries and ease of wealth and carefullness? The attempt would be highly preposterous, not to say utterly ridiculous. Very different is the course which nature points out. It is the plain and scanty fare of these sons of the forest, their hard and cold lodging, their long marches and fastings, and their constant exposure to all hardships of the wilderness, which give them such Herculean limbs and stature; such prodigious weight in the deadly fray and such swiftness of foot in pursuing the vanquished."

Laws of Rhode-Island.

State of Rhode-Island &c.

In General Assembly, January Session A D 1824.

AN ACT

Authorising the Town-Councils in this State to grant Licenses to Tavern-Keepers

SEC 1. BE *it enacted by the General Assembly and by the authority thereof it is enacted*, That the Town-Councils in the respective towns in this State shall have the power and authority of granting licenses for keeping taverns, or houses of public entertainment, and for selling rum, wines, or strong liquors by retail, to be drunk within such houses; and to take for each license granted a sum not less than six dollars nor exceeding one hundred dollars, to be paid into the treasury of the town where such license is granted; but before the Town-Council of any town shall grant a license as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of such Council to determine that the public convenience requires a Tavern to be kept in the place where the person applying lives, and that the person is of sufficient ability to entertain and lodge strangers and travellers, and is provided with a suitable dwelling-house and other necessary buildings, and is in the opinion of such Town-Council, a fit and suitable person for a Tavern Keeper.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons in any town in this State, shall open or keep open any tavern, or house of publick entertainment (without license first had and obtained from the Town-Council of such town) or shall erect or continue any sign before erected for the keeping of a tavern, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered before any Court of competent jurisdiction by an action of debt, one half thereof to the use of him who shall inform and sue for the same, and the other half to and for the use of the town where such offence shall be committed: *Provided nevertheless*, That all ferry-houses be and they are hereby exempted out of this act.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That each Town Council shall take bond of all persons, to whom they shall grant licenses as aforesaid, for the maintaining good order in their houses and possessions and conforming themselves to the regulations of law respecting the same.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Town-Council of each town, on its being satisfactorily proved that the keeper of any tavern or house of publick entertainment licensed as aforesaid, keeps a disorderly house, contrary to the bond by him or her given, immediately to withdraw such previous license and and prosecute the offender according to law.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons in any town in this State, other than a licensed Tavern-Keeper, shall sell, or suffer to be sold in their dwelling-houses or possessions, by their wives, children or servants, or any other person whomsoever, any rum, wine, or strong liquors whatsoever, by retail, in any less quantity than a quart, he, she or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be sued for, recovered and appropriated as aforesaid.

Sec 6 *And be it further enacted*, That if the keeper of any such tavern or house of public entertainment shall trust or give credit to any person whomsoever for rum, wine or strong liquors, such keeper shall lose all such sum or sums so trusted; and all actions hereafter brought for such debt, or on any note given therefor shall be barred, and the defendant in such action may plead the matter specially or give it in evidence under the general issue.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Town-Treasurer of each town, to inquire into all breaches of the law, and from his own knowledge or on the complaint of any other person, if in his opinion well grounded, to prosecute for the penalties thereof, before any Court of competent jurisdiction in the manner aforesaid;—and that the said Town-Treasurer be a competent witness in any such action.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That no person licensed as aforesaid, shall sell or retail any rum, wine or strong liquor, except to travellers, on the first day of the week, and if any person licensed as aforesaid, shall sell or retail any such rum, wine or strong liquor on said first day of the week;—he she, or they, shall forfeit to the use of the town the sum of ten dollars for every such offence, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Sec 9 *And be it further enacted*, That no person whatsoever be allowed to sell on the first day of the week any rum, wine or strong liquor in any quantity, and any person offending against this act, upon conviction, shall forfeit and pay to and for the use of the town where such offence is committed, the sum of ten dollars to be recovered as aforesaid

Sec 10 *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect immediately after the rising of this Assembly;—and that it shall not in any manner affect licenses already granted, under and by virtue of the acts which this act is intended to repeal

Sec 11 *And be it further enacted*, That the act passed at January Session A D 1222, entitled "An act enabling the Town-Councils in this State to grant licenses for retailing strong liquors, and for other purposes;" and the act passed at June Session, 1822 in amendment thereof, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act be published in all the newspapers printed in this state.

True Copy—Witness,
HENRY BOWEN *Sec'ry*

State of Rhode-Island, &c

NEWPORT, ss.—*Clerks Office Supreme Judicial Court, January 23d, 1824.*

WHEREAS PARDON SIMMONS, of Little-Compton, in the county of Newport, yeoman, has this day filed in said Office his certain petition praying for the reasons therein stated, that the bonds of marriage now subsisting between him and his wife *Betsey*, may be dissolved.—This is therefore to notify the said *Betsey Simmons*, that she appear before the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Newport on the first Monday of March next ensuing the date hereof, and shew cause if any she hath, why the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted

HOLMES WEAVER, *Clerk.*

$20,000
HIGHEST PRIZE?

New-York Literature Lottery, 5th class.

ON the 17th of March next, the *New-York Literature Lottery*, 5th Class, will commence Drawing, and be completed in *Five Minutes*—and will tickle itching palms with—One Prize of $20,000—One of 5082—20 of 1000—20 of 500—41 of 200—51 of 100, &c.—Orders for Tickets may be left with

J. C. SHAW.

Newport, Feb 7

AT

Long-Room
112 & 115
THAMES-STREET.

Have Just Received,

ANOTHER Cheap Auction Lot of GOODS, viz—2000 Yards of Calicoes, from 1s to 2s per yard; Linen Diaper for 10 cents per yard.

Broadcloths from 3 9 to $ 10 per yd.
A very cheap Lot of Pelisse Cloths.
A very handsome assortment of Cassimeres
Silk Cord; Daizey Buttons; Frogs
Silk and tabby Velvets
1000 yards Sheetings, at 1s per yard
600 do. Shirtings, at 14 cents
150 do real super ditto at 1s
Blue India handkerchiefs at 9d
India Checks a 9d; Blankets,
Wide handsome furniture Calicoes for 1s per yard
A general assortment of Flannels from 1s6 to 5s
An elegant lot of Scotch and Tartan Plaids
Very cheap Bombazetts
More Book Muslins 6-4 for 1s6
Cheap Cotton Balls
Bedticking from 1s6 to 2s.

BUTTER.

3000 wt. of excellent Butter, for families use, will be received on Tuesday next, and for sale as above.

Newport, Dec. 6.

Wm. H. Rathbone,

Has just Received and offers for Sale at his Store head of Packet Wharf

A NEW CHART, extending fom New-York to Havanna, improved by Government Surveys in 1820 with a general Assortment of Charts of the latest surveys.—Bowditchs Navigators 9th edition; American Coast Pilots 10th edition; Nautical Almanacks for the years 1822 & 1823; Seamen's Daily Assistant—with a complete assortment of Nautical Instuments.—Letter Writing, Log and Wrapping Paper; quills and Ink-Powder

Also, A general Assortment of Hardware, Cutlery, Cordage and hip Chandlery

Just Received. 30 Casks Cut Nails assorted sizes; 30 M Bricks; 20 dozen File

Woolen Factory,

THE Subscribers respectully inform their Friends, and the public in general that they have established the Indigo Blue Dyeing, and have employed an experienced workman at colouring and finishing.—Woolen Goods of all descriptions will be finished in the neatest manner and on the most reasonable terms

Wool of all grades carded into rolls in the best manner. They continue to manufacture Wool on shares or by contract as may best suit their employers The following persons will receive and forward any articles intended for the Union Factory viz.—*Edward Stanhope* and *Robert K & Francis Carr*, Newport.—*George Lawton* Tiverton—*Jeremiah Gifford*, Bristol Ferry

The Subscribers return their sincere thanks to their old customers and solicit the continuance of their favors

JOHN BABCOCK
MOSES LAWTON

Portsmouth April 10

FOR SALE,

30 Shares in the WASHINGTON BANK, at Westerly, by

J. C. SHAW.

HAIR RESTORATIVE
And Preservative Vegatable Cerate.

THE important discovery of a vegetable substance, capable of restoring and preserving the hair, was accidentally made by an individual, who has neither the capacity nor the disposition to practice deception or fraud.—The fullest reliance may be placed on the efficacy and power of the Vegetable Cerate, not only in restoring and preventing the falling off the hair, but in producing the greatest lustre and liveliness of it imaginable; and the public may rest assured that its effects will be clearly manifested in the course of a short time by the renewal and vigorous growth of the hair, and by effectually preventing its comming outor falling off. The Vegetable Cerate tends to recuscitate and excite the energies of the capillary vessels, which constitute those organs that secrete the matter forming the hair; these, like manother organs of the animal body, whicy have been in a state of dormancy oh disease, may be restored to their healthr action, and perform all those functions assigned them by nature

The proprietor being aware of the numerous specifics palmed on the public, and desirous that the present article may not suffer, rests its merits on the effect it has produced on hundreds of persons, both male and female, and found to be the only thing in restoring and preventing the hair from coming out of the heads of those who have used it, and all that is asked, as it relates to the verity of its effect, is a fair trial

Elderly people, with bald heads, must rest assured that by applying a few boxes of the above Cerate, their hair will be restored with all its youthful beauty and life

To prevent imposition, the sale of the Vegetable Cerate will be confined to Dr JAMES H HART for the city of New-York only corner of Broadway and Chamber-st three doors from Washington Hall, where it will be sold at *D1 75*

A liberal deduction will be made to country dealers

The proprietor of the above valuable discovery intends appointing Agents through the United States for the sale of it, and also in Europe

DIRECTIONS

The Vegetable Cerate being perfectly innocent, may be plentifully applied night and morning, and rubbed hard into the pores of the head with the fingers without apprehension of danger In addition to its other value, it beautifies the hair and whiskers

N B Gentlemen that are bald, after using it for some weeks, will find a small fibre of hair growing on the place that is bald; they will continue it for about ten days after its appearance, then they will shave their hair close off where it is affected after that it will receive its natural and vigorous growth

And those who have the misfortune of losing their hair by sickness, the Cerate will restore to them in a very little time a full and beautiful head of hair, as it is the only thing that has ever been discovered in this country, or perhaps in any other. There are certificates left with Dr James H. Hart, corner of Broadway and Chamber street, who will satisfy any person that wishes to call and see them Dr Hart is appointed sole agent for the city of New-York

☞ A few Boxes of this valuable Article, is just received from New-York, and for Sale at the Office of the Newport Mercury

Newport, Nov. 29,

VALUABLE STAND.

FOR SALE,

THE Estate in Thames-Street formerly the property of *Jonathan Marsh*, deceased—It is an excellen stand for business, and will be sold Cheap—An indisputable title will be given—For further particulars & terms, enquire of *W. R. Staples*, Esq. in Providence, or to the Suscribers

ABIGAIL MARSH,
SARAH MARSH

Newport, Jan. 13,

NOTICE.

WE the Subscribers having been appointed by the Court of Probate for the town of Portsmouth, Commissioners to receive and examine the claims of the creditors against the Estate of

DANIEL CHASE,

late of said Portsmouth; decease represented insolvent, hereby give notice: that six months from the date hereof have been allowed the creditors to exhibit their claims, and that we will attend for the purpose of receiving the same at the House of *Oliver D. Greene*, in said Portsmouth on the last 7th day of the week in each month, from 2 to 5 o'clock in the Afternoon, during said period

BENJAMIN FREEBORN,
CHARLES SLOCUM,
JOSEPH CHILDS. } *Commrs.*

All persons indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

HENRY LAWTON, *Adm'r.*

Portsmouth, January 19.